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SUBJECT: ANANDA MARG TRIAL

REF: NEW DELHI 11990

1. AFTER ANANDA MARG LEADER P.R. SARKAR FINISHED HIS TESTIMONY IN PATNA ON AUGUST 14, THE FOUR OTHER MARG LEADERS ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY IN THE MURDER OF SIX DEFECTORS TOOK THE STAND. EACH DENIED HAVING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE MURDERS AND EACH CLAIMED THAT HE HAD BEEN "FALSELY IMPLICATED." THE DEPOSITIONS OF THE FOUR ENDED ON AUGUST 23, AND THE GOVERNMENT PROSECUTOR BEGAN HIS ARGUMENTS BEFORE ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE, RADHA BALLABH SINGH, TWO DAYS LATER. THE PROSECUTOR ARGUED THAT SARKAR, ALIAS ANANDMURTI, HAD PREACHED VIOLENCE IN THE GARB OF SPIRITUALITY "WITH THE ULTIMATE AIM OF CAPTURING POWER BY FORCE." HE ALSO CHARGED THAT SARKAR HAD PROGRESSIVELY "BRAINWASHED" HIS FOLLOWERS SO THAT THEY WOULD "DO OR DIE" FOR HIM.

2. WITH THE TESTIMONY BY WITNESSES AND DEFENDANTS NOW OVER, THE PROSECUTION IS WRAPPING UP ITS CASE AGAINST  
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SARKAR AND HIS FOUR COLLEAGUES. THE CASE SHOULD GO TO

ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE SINGH IN A SHORT TIME. THERE  
IS NO INDICATION OF WHEN THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE HANDED  
DOWN.

3. WE ARE CONTINUING TO POUCH PRESS REPORTS OF THE TRIAL  
TO NEA/INS.  
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